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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 and 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 and 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on October 29, 2008. Claims 7, 10, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-6 and 13-15 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 7-12 and 16-19 are presented for further examination.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-12 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goddard et al., United States Patent Number 6,622,266 (hereinafter Goddard), in view of McCarthy, Jr., United States Patent Number 7,031,009 (hereinafter McCarthy), and further in view of Yamada et al., United States Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0238402 (hereinafter Yamada).

4. With respect to claims 7, 10, and 16, Goddard teaches an image processing apparatus [= a plurality of printers and/or other output devices **106, 108, 110, 112**, and/or **114**] connected to a network [= enterprise network 104] and operative to report a job progressing condition [= alert condition prompting the alert, see abstract such as

paper jam, toner low, and output full **216**] to a user terminal apparatus [= user unit **116**, **120**, and/or **124**] requesting a job via the network [= enterprise network, 104] [fig.1], said image processing comprising:

- a first controller [= printer management utility **204**] configured to determine if at least one job is interrupted in the image processing apparatus [= configuration of alert notification recipients for all possible alert conditions for any enterprise printer to be configured utilizing printer, col.3, ll.31 through col.4, ll.63];
- an electronic mail [= email server **218**] transmitting device configured to transmit an electronic mail [= email notification alert] including a printer alert notification [= notification recipient alert type such as load paper offline, tray missing, toner low, paper jam, etc. **216** of fig.2] representing the information source, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data [= all alert notifications email including a display of alert type **216**];
- a second controller [= email server] configured to allow the user terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the terminal apparatus [= email server **218** forward the alert notifications to the appropriate user unit **116**, **120**, or **124** where the corresponding individual is logged in, col.4, ll.39-63].

However, Goddard does not explicitly transmitting an electronic mail including a URL representing image processing apparatus, the electronic mail being transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job, when the job is

completed and allowing the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus.

In a related art, McCarthy discloses transmitting an electronic mail including a URL representing image processing apparatus [= the email server 28 notifies the user's email's client 30 of the available email, col.2, ll.57-59, including the document capture system to solicit document metadata from a user, col.1, ll.32-33, and col.2, ll.63-64, wherein the document metadata includes a URL to the first page of the scanned document, col.2, ll.38-39] and allowing the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data [= the user's mail client 30 wishes to view the available email, col.2, ll.17-67], wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus [see abstract and col.1, ll.31-59].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Goddard in view of McCarthy by configuring to generate a thumbnail image data of a first page of a job because this feature is supported by the repository system for the captured document [McCarthy, col.1, ll.37-38]. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated in order to remind the user about the particular document [McCarthy, col.4, ll.40].

Further, Goddard does not explicitly teach the electronic mail being transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job, when the job is completed.

In a related art, Yamada discloses the electronic mail being transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job, when the job is completed [= transmit an e-mail message indicating that the printing operation was completed, see abstract and paragraphs 0197].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Goddard in view of McCarthy, and further in view of Yamada by transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus when the job is complete because this feature notifies about completion of a printing operation [Yamada, paragraph 0197]. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated in order to know the condition of print processes [Yamada, paragraph 0007].

5. With respect to claims 8, 11, and 17, Goddard further teaches wherein the mail address is associated with a user code representing a user [fig.2].

However, Goddard does not explicitly show wherein the image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

In a related art, McCarthy suggests wherein the image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated [i.e. a user 10 logs in and selects, enters or is associated with basic capture parameter, col.2, ll.16 through col.4, ll.47].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Goddard in view of McCarthy, and further in

view of Yamada by operating when the user code is input and authenticated because this feature is supported by the repository system for the captured document [McCarthy, col.1, ll.37-38]. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated in order to remind the user about the particular document [McCarthy, col.4, ll.40].

6. With respect to claims 9, 12, 18, and 19, Goddard does not explicitly show wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

In a related art, McCarthy suggests wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job [col.2, ll.16 through col.4, ll.47].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Goddard in view of McCarthy, and further in view of Yamada by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job because this feature is supported by the repository system for the captured document [McCarthy, col.1, ll.37-38]. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated in order to remind the user about the particular document [McCarthy, col.4, ll.40].

### ***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7-12 and 16-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Nghi V. Tran** whose telephone number is (571) 272-4067. The examiner can normally be reached on **Monday-Thursday** and every other **Friday (6:30-4:00)**.



If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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